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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

November 1, 1948

SUBJECT: Report on Work of Interdepartmental Coordinating Staff
(NSC-4), Covering the Month of October, 1948.

TO: Mr. George V. Allen
Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs

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All members of Staff on duty.

Current report, as in the case of the Quarterly Report dated October 1, conforms to the divisions of Staff work used in the regular "Work Status" charts. Background papers on individual matters mentioned are available in the Staff files.

A. Staff Procedures.

The Staff:

1. Held regular Staff conferences on current matters.
2. Through the Chairman, attended conferences on Voice of America matters in New York City, October 22 to October 24.
3. Principally through the Navy and CIA members, participated in courses or lectures at the Foreign Service Institute and the National War College.

B. Staff Directives.

The Staff:

1. Obtained circulation to USIS Missions of the Assistant Secretary's External Notification and Directive to the Staff on NSC-4 Functions.

The Directive had already been given distribution by the Services. The Intelligence Division of the Department of the Army, having informed all Military Attachés of the provisions for coordination of the information program under NSC-4, instructed Military Attachés to report to the Department of the Army the extent of their present relations with the U.S. Information Service within their areas, with a

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view to determining how Military Attaches might be of assistance in the program. To date some 20 or more replies have been received; these will be correlated and analyzed by area in connection with further studies which the ICS is carrying out, looking to closer coordination in the field.

C. Staff Liaison.

The Staff:

1. Participated through its members in numerous internal meetings held in member departments, looking to carrying out of the U. S. Government information program.

Such meetings included those of the State Department Information Policy Advisory Committee, the Army Information Committee.

2. Maintained continuous liaison and conferred with internal divisions of all member departments in coordinating the information program.

D. Guidances.

The Staff:

1. Consulted with Mr. William Stone, Mr. Douglas Schneider, and others in the P area with regard to the setting up of a permanent planning and guidance unit in OII (POS) in order to carry out more effectively the Assistant Secretary's offer of regular information policy guidance to the Services.

2. Collaborated with the POS Planning and Guidance Unit (POS/PG) which was set up and with PA, including providing complete lists of Services and CIA addresses and guidance requirements in this country and abroad, and supplying certain intelligence and other materials to POS/PG for planning and guidance purposes.

3. Assisted in coordination between State and Army of guidance on disbanding of Philippine Scouts.

E. Plans.

The Staff:

1. Distributed for information to the Services copy of the Department of State's "Outline of U.S. Public Information Campaign for Korea", dated 11 October 1948.

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2. Continued development of long-range study of possible Soviet troop withdrawals from Germany and other occupied areas.

F. Evaluation and Review.

The Staff:

1. Continued study for securing regular evaluation from the field from USIS and Services sources.

2. Supplied evaluation materials to Voice of America.

G. Services and Facilities.

The Staff:

1. Issued first draft summary of existing U.S. Government radio facilities to member departments for comment.

2. Issued Staff memorandum on private research facilities available for information purposes.

3. Participated in study of mediation possibilities, looking to possible provision of wave length by AFN to VOUSA.

4. Studied question of suitability to U.S. troops and indigenous populations in occupied areas of U.S. films.

5. Participated in study of erection of State Department transmitters in the Eastern Mediterranean area.

6. Participated in study of erection of Army transmitter on Okinawa.

7. Continued study of procuring for POS/G copies of Soviet films currently being shown in Berlin.

8. On behalf of OII facilitated securing services of an Army engineer on a consultative basis in Greece.

9. Participated in discussions concerning decontrol of information facilities in Germany, principally radio.

H. Output Materials.

The Staff:

1. Continued coordination and reciprocal supply of output materials between the P area and the Services, including:

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- (a) OII materials to Services;
- (b) Services materials to OII;
- (c) PB and PS materials to Services;
- (d) DRE/EER materials ("Soviet Affairs Notes") to Services,

I. Intelligence.

The Staff:

1. Requested CIA to procure at the earliest opportunity as full and complete reports as possible of the current situation in the Soviet Zone of Germany and the Soviet Sector of Berlin with regard to USSR preparation for possible withdrawal of their occupation troops.

2. Requested CIA to prepare an estimate of the possibility that the USSR at the current session of the UN General Assembly would make a new proposal for withdrawal of occupation troops from Germany.

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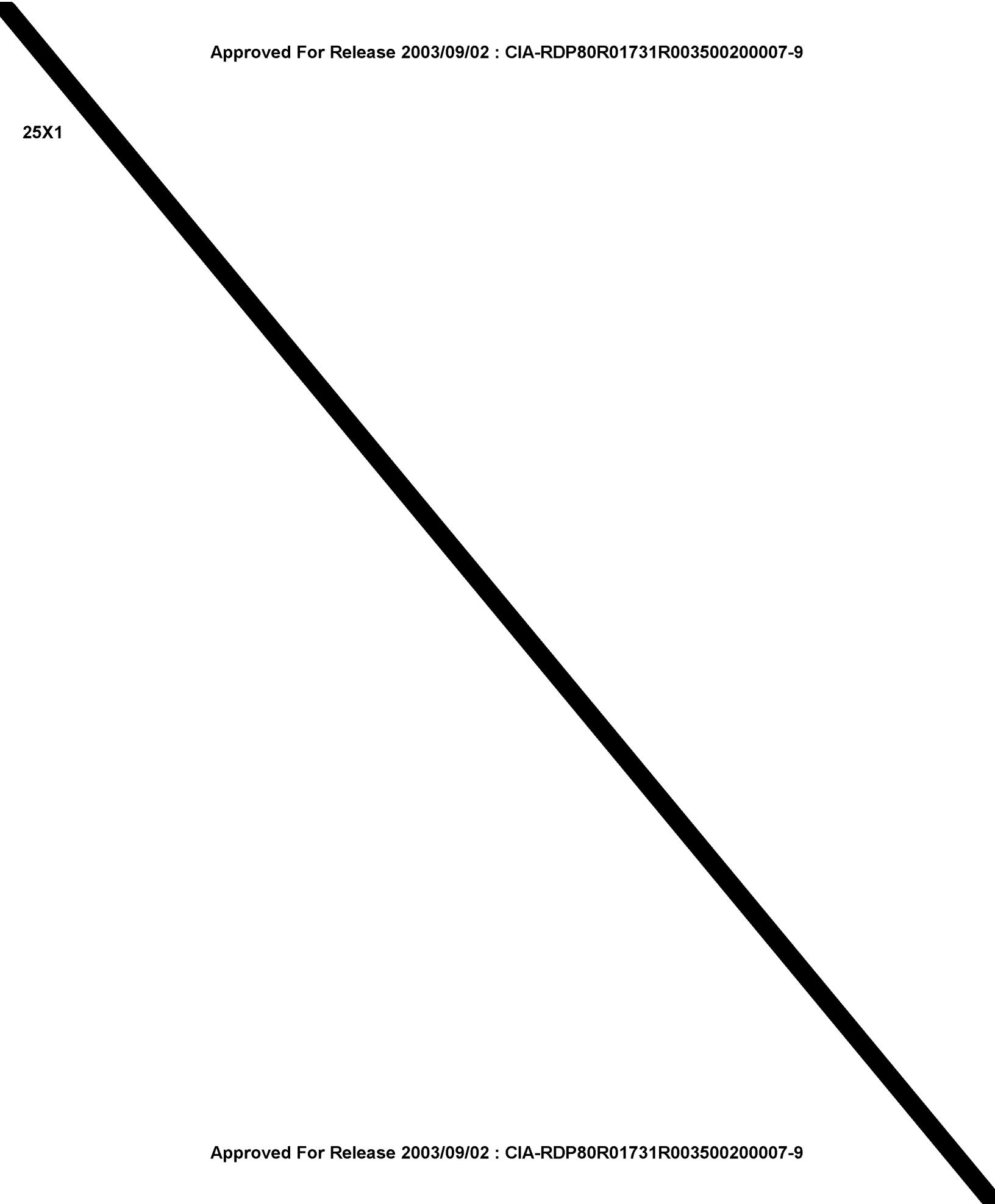
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